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Disaster Recovery Center Changes Hours

COLUMBUS, MS – The Disaster Recovery Center hours will change effective Tuesday, November 26, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) officials.

The new hours for the Disaster Recovery Center at the former Lowe's Home Supply at 2320 Highway 45 North in Columbus will be:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, until further notice.

The DRC will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

The center is for anyone affected by the November 10 and 11 tornadoes and is staffed with people who can answer questions and provide information on a variety of programs.

Before visiting the center, you should first register by calling the FEMA toll-free number to register at 800-621-FEMA (3362), or for the speech or hearing impaired, 800-462-7585.